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PARIS AND BONN FOR DEA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, UR, US

SUBJ: POSSIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE OF NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION WITH SOVIETS: INTERIM STATUS REPORT

REF: (A) MOSCOW 10826 (B) MOSCOW 10479

1. EMBASSY 5 AUGUST CONTACTED MFA USA DIVISION TO LEARN STATUS OF RESPONSE TO POL COUNSELOR'S LETTER OF 7 JULY (REF A). MFA 6 AUGUST ADVISED THAT KAPRALOV, USA DIVISION, WAS "WORKING ON IT."

2. WHEN NO RESPONSE RECEIVED, NARCOTICS COORDINATOR 13 AUGUST CONTACTED KAPRALOV, WHO SAID THAT LIST OF QUESTIONS FROM LETTER HAD BEEN PASSED TO THE INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITIES, AND THAT NO RESPONSE HAD YET COME BACK TO MFA. KAPRALOV PROMISED TO CHECK WITH INVESTIGATIVE OFFICIALS TO REPLY BY 20 AUGUST. NARCOTICS COORDINATOR OBSERVED THAT U.S. ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO FOLLOWED UP ON THE CASE INTO OTHER AREAS AND THAT PERHAPS SOME EXCHANGE OF THIS INFORMATION WOULD BE USEFUL. NARCOTICS COORDINATOR SUGGESTED MEETING WITH KAPRALOV "AT END OF NEXT WEEK," EVEN IF RESPONSE TO POL COUNSELOR'S LETTER IS NOT YET READY. (DURING MEETING WITH KAPRALOV, NARCOTICS COORDINATOR WOULD NOT RPT NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION)

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VESTIGATIVE INFORMATION ON AMCITS)

3. COMMENTS:

(A) IF DEPARTMENT AND DEA AGREE, NARCOTICS COORDINATOR WILL INDICATE AT MEETING THAT DEA HAS FURTHER INFORMATION ON SUBJECT CASE, AS WELL AS POSSIBLY OTHER INFORMATION ON THE USE OF MOSCOW AS A TRAFFIC POINT FOR INTERNATIONAL DRUG SMUGGLING. DEA WOULD BE WILLING TO SEND SPECIALISTS TO DISCUSS THE INFORMATION WITH THE SOVIETS, SINCE IT IS IN THE MUTUAL INTEREST TO CLOSE THIS POINT, AS ALL OTHERS, TO THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFIC. IF SOVIETS ACCEPT VISIT OF DEA OFFICIALS, THEN DEA OFFICIALS AND NARCOTICS COORD-

INATOR COULD THEN EXPLORE HERE WITH THE SOVIETS THE POSSIBILITY OF ANY FURTHER EXCHANGES.

(B) FOR MEETING WITH KAPRALOV, NARCOTICS COORDINATOR SHOULD HAVE RESULTS OF ANY TESTS ON SAMPLE OF SEIZED HEROIN PROVIDED BY SOVIET OFFICIALS, AND OUTLINE, IF POSSIBLE, OF THE TYPES OF

CASE-RELATED INFORMATION WHICH COULD BE PROVIDED BY DEA AFTER AMCIT TRIAL (ALTHOUGH NOT THE INFORMATION ITSELF).

(C) SOVIETS HAVE NOT YET ANNOUNCED DATE OF TRIAL FOR THREE AMCITS, BUT HAVE INDICATED THAT IT WILL BE NEAR END OF THIS MONTH. IN OUR VIEW, ANY VISIT OF DEA OFFICIALS SHOULD COME AFTER LEGAL SITUATION OF AMCITS IS RESOLVED.

4. FOR DEA: AMCIT CASE IS GFXA-75-80001.

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